

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

United States of America

v.

Mark A Houston, Jr

Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case No. 1:12 Cr 156

After conducting a detention hearing under the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that these facts require that the defendant be detained pending trial.

Part I – Findings of Fact

- ____ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has previously been convicted of ____ a federal offense ____ a state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if federal jurisdiction had existed – that is
- ____ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4), or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which the prison term is 10 years or more.
- ____ an offense for which the maximum sentence is death or life imprisonment.
- ____ an offense for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in: _____.*
- ____ a felony committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ____ any felony that is not a crime of violence but involves:
- ____ a minor victim
- ____ the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device or any other dangerous weapon
- ____ a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250
- ____ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ____ (3) A period of less than 5 years has elapsed since the ____ date of conviction ____ defendant's release from prison for the offense described in finding (1).
- ____ (4) Findings (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition will reasonably assure the safety of another person or the community. I further find that defendant has not rebutted that presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ____ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ____ for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in:
- ____ Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) _____.*
- ____ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- ____ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding (1) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ____ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Statement of the Reasons for Detention

I find that the testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establishes by ____ clear and convincing evidence ☒ a preponderance of the evidence that:

defendant is a 23 year old man with minimal employment history and a drug abuse problem. He has lived with his mother for a very short time, but was living on the street or with friends before that. He has two open warrants for failure to appear. In one instance, he absconded from probation in 2009 and never reported again. He is therefore technically still on probation. In the other case, he ignored a summons in a misdemeanor case, leading to the issuance of a warrant. Defendant has known about this prosecution since last summer but has been told by a codefendant, in taped conversations, to avoid his usual whereabouts and thereby avoid arrest. When stopped last week by officers, he gave false names, obviously to avoid detection. Defendant's failure to abide by past conditions of release makes it unlikely that he will abide by this court's bond.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or a designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to consult privately with defense counsel. On order of United States Court or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for a court appearance.

Date: February 5, 2013Judge's Signature: /s/ Joseph G. ScovilleName and Title: Joseph G. Scoville, U.S. Magistrate Judge